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Medicaid Reform Plan

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Aims of Medicaid reform

BETTER VALUE FOR NC TAXPAYERS

- Strengthen Medicaid fiscally
 - Flatten cost growth trend
 - Make budget more predictable
- Improve beneficiaries' health outcomes
 - Address population-wide needs
 - Consider whole person in coordinating care
 - Reward quality explicitly



Quality factors into rewards

Medicare Shared Savings Program Quality Measures a Starting Point

Domain	Examples
Patient/Caregiver Experience • 7 measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient rating of provider• Timely appointments, information• Access to specialists
Preventive Health • 8 measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Influenza immunization• BMI screening and follow-up• Screening for clinical depression
At-Risk Population • 12 measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c control• Hypertension control• Coronary artery disease: lipid control
Care Coordination/ Patient Safety/ EHR • 6 measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital readmissions• % of PCPs who qualify for EHR incentive payments



Multi-faceted reform tailored to NC

PHYSICAL

Accountable care organizations (ACOs)

MH, I/DD, SA

LME-MCOs ... consolidated, upgraded

LONG-TERM
CARE

Stronger case management, and beyond



LTSS* case management changes

- Engage beneficiaries earlier, before needs worsen and require more intensive, costly care
- Coordinate care better, with focus on transitions between settings of care
- Use local resource networks to fullest extent

Create strategic plan for LTSS delivery system, exploring options for redesign

*LTSS in this presentation/reform does not encompass services for individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities currently covered under the Innovations Waiver.



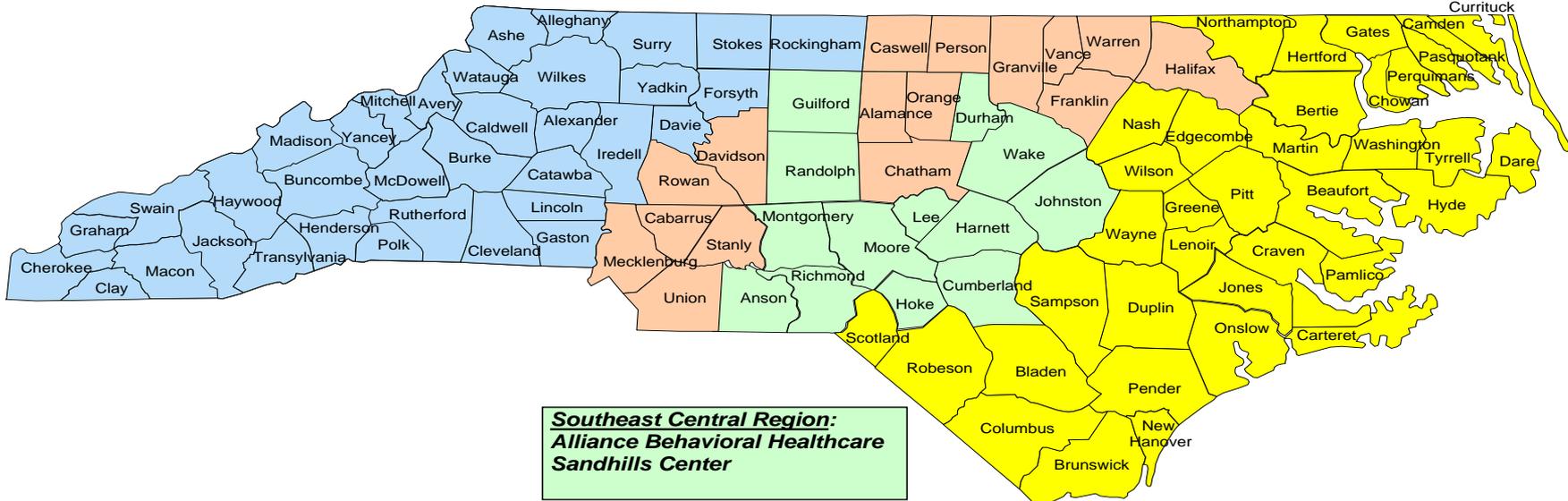
LME-MCO consolidation

Proposed Mergers of LME-MCOs

Western Region:
CenterPoint Human Services
Partners Behavioral Health Management
Smoky Mountain Center

Northwest Central Region:
Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions
MeckLINK Behavioral Healthcare

Eastern Region:
CoastalCare
East Carolina Behavioral Health
Eastpointe





LME-MCO improvements

- Contracting
 - Enhanced process and outcome measures
 - Penalties and incentives for performance
- Oversight
 - More sophisticated monitoring
 - Technical assistance
- Service array
 - Solutions for I/DD waiting list
 - Re-evaluate LME-MCO benefit package



Opportunities for whole-person care

- Provider-level accountability and control
- Flexibility in investment under ACOs
- Team-based primary care
- ACOs as neighborhoods of care



Options

- Align care coordination/management expectations
- Two-way accountability for whole person
- Support co-location of medical in behavioral and other systems
- Promote multi-disciplinary primary care teams



Is there a more potent alternative?

Full-risk managed care was considered

- Potentially, more budget predictability and savings

Conclusion: managed care not viable

- Unacceptable to NC health care providers
 - Reject intervention by commercial managed care companies
 - Providers not ready to form own managed care entities
- Supplemental payments threatened w/o 1115 waiver
- Savings lessened by insurer industry tax under ACA



What are ACOs?

Accountable care organizations are integrated groups of health care providers who

- (1) deliver coordinated care across multiple health care settings
- (2) agree to be held accountable for achieving
 - a) measured quality improvements and
 - b) reductions in the rate of spending growth.

Medicare, private payers, and a few state Medicaid programs have started using ACOs

NC has ~ 18 ACOs today, 12 accepted into Medicare



ACOs align providers for value

Today	After ACO
Providers fragmented	Providers linked in organized systems of care
Beneficiary may choose a PCP	Beneficiary selects a PCP, is assigned to ACO to which PCP belongs
Fee-for-service payment – rewards volume & intensity	Providers rewarded for value delivered
CCNC coordinates primary care	CCNC helps State and/or ACOs manage utilization and quality



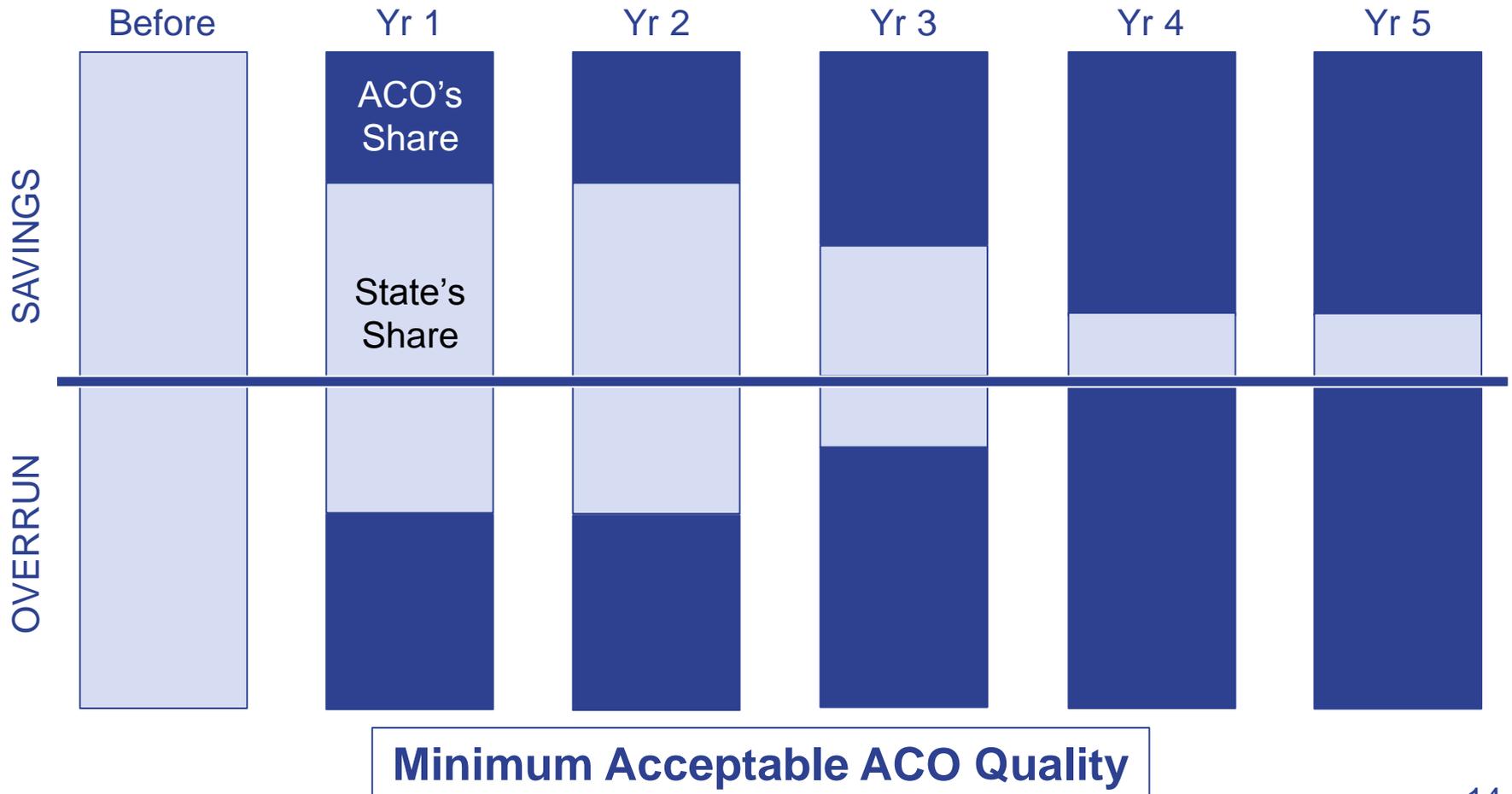
Plan for ACOs in NC Medicaid

- Target start date for ACOs: July 2015
 - Existing and new ACOs to apply for contracts early 2015
 - Participation voluntary initially
- ACOs expected to meet yearly benchmarks
 - **Access:** More beneficiaries linked to ACOs each year
 - **Cost:** Growth trend reduced materially
 - **Quality:** Quality measures steadily improve

DHHS will take corrective action if annual benchmarks not met

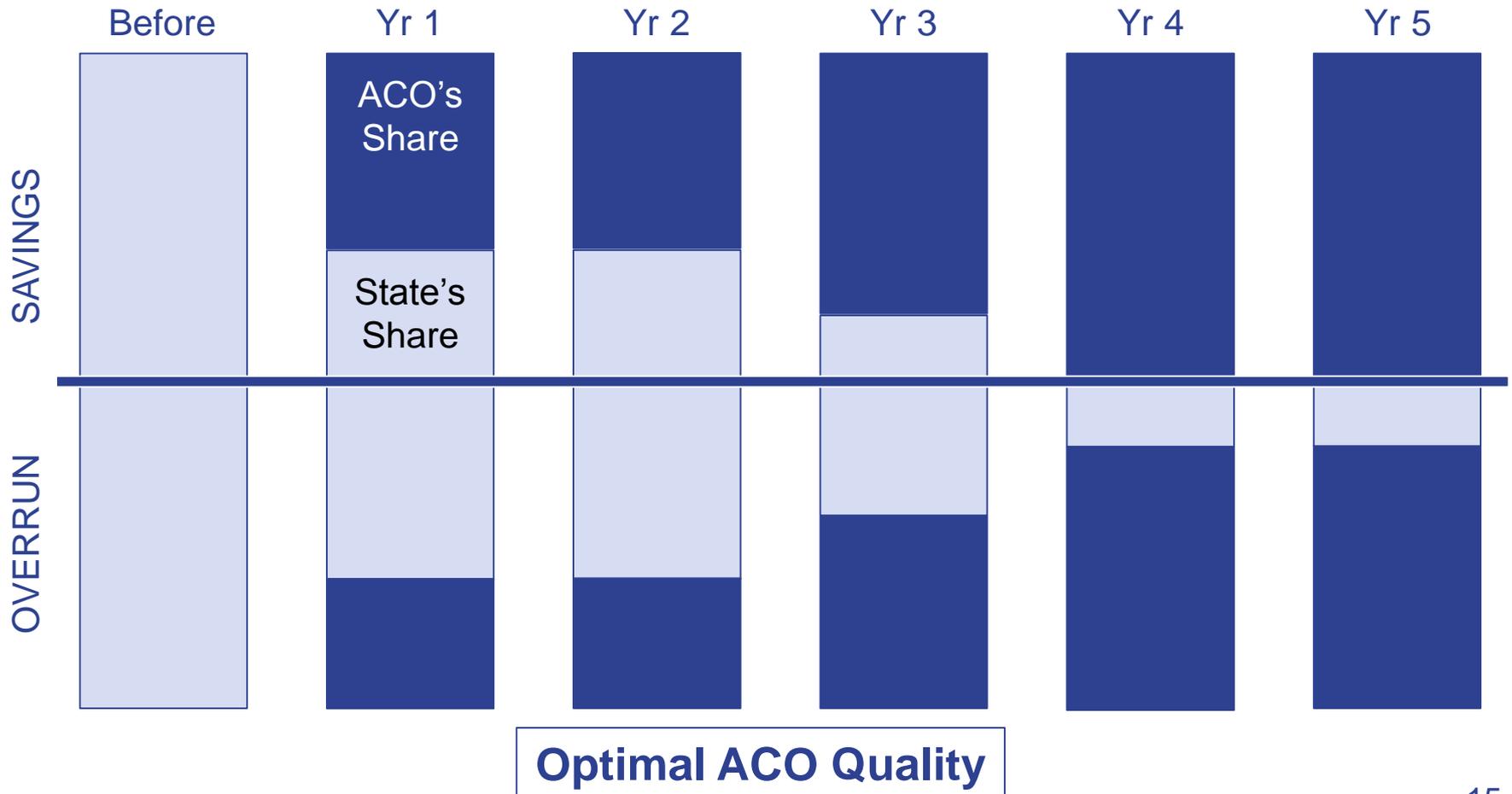


ACOs' risk share rises (1 of 2)





ACOs' risk share rises (2 of 2)





ACOs' risk of loss partly mitigated

- Services not controlled by ACO not factor in ACO risk
 - Mental health, substance abuse, I/DD (Under LME-MCOs)
 - Portion of outpatient prescription drugs (Share with LME-MCOs)
 - Long-term services and supports
 - Dental
- Portion of individual high-cost cases excluded
 - 90% of costs above \$50,000 for a beneficiary in one year
- Total ACO loss and reward capped at % of budget

	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Max Award	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Max Payback	5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	10%



Savings build over time

Yearly Savings By Program Area – Total and State Share

Program Area	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total, Years 1-5
	July 2015 - June 2016	July 2016 - June 2017	July 2017 - June 2018	July 2018 - June 2019	July 2019 - June 2020	July 2015 - June 2020
OVERALL MEDICAID SAVINGS						
Physical Health (ACO Model)	\$20,078,062	\$74,785,855	\$136,021,499	\$196,896,955	\$209,111,721	\$636,894,093
MH, I/DD, SA (LME MCO)	\$0	\$50,801,839	\$62,854,575	\$76,179,745	\$80,788,619	\$270,624,777
LTSS	-\$5,250,000	\$4,102,358	\$14,586,352	\$26,304,677	\$39,368,313	\$79,111,701
Total	\$14,828,062	\$129,690,052	\$213,462,426	\$299,381,377	\$329,268,653	\$986,630,570
STATE FUNDS SAVINGS						
Physical Health (ACO Model)	\$6,003,971	\$24,555,384	\$45,320,390	\$65,963,257	\$70,105,284	\$211,948,287
MH, I/DD, SA (LME MCO)	\$0	\$17,226,903	\$21,313,986	\$25,832,551	\$27,395,421	\$91,768,862
LTSS	-\$2,625,000	\$546,385	\$4,101,507	\$8,075,191	\$12,505,070	\$22,603,153
Total	\$3,378,971	\$42,328,672	\$70,735,884	\$99,871,000	\$110,005,775	\$326,320,301

Estimated \$8 million startup funding needed in SFY 2014-15